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Pyun Appointed to District Court of Third Circuit

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon today appointed Matthew S. K. Pyun, Jr. as judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial Circuit (Hawai'i). Pyun will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Jeffrey Choi.

Pyun served as a per diem judge for the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit from 1979 to 1984 and from 2000 to the present. Since entering private practice in 1971, Pyun has worked on cases involving corporations and business entities, real property transactions, family law, worker's compensation, criminal defense, civil litigation, and labor. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Hawai'i and his law degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

District Court judges are appointed by the chief justice from a list of not less than six nominees submitted by the Judicial Selection Commission.

Pyun's appointment is subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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